

HFC Committee

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Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:13 PM
To: HFC Committee
Subject: SUPPORT for the bill (6.04.04) banning the feeding of all feral animals

To Whom it May Concern,

As a resident of Kihei, I support the 6.04.041 bill banning the feeding of all feral animals.

Feral cats are a nuisance and a threat to the existence of native Hawaiian birds. The Maui Humane Society is telling its community that science and research support their current practices of feeding feral animals. THIS IS NOT TRUE.

As a scientist myself, if you are interested in what the experts are saying, I have attached links to multiple scientific, peer-reviewed articles that demonstrate that feral cats are dangerous to native animals.

[Limiting Factors Affecting Hawaiian Native Birds](#)
[Ecology of an Invasive Predator in Hawaii](#)
[Home Range and Diet of Feral Cats in Hawaii Forests](#)

These are specific to Hawaii, but the literature from across the world is vast, as **feral cats are in the top 100 most invasive species** worldwide.

Residents should not be feeding feral cats. By doing so, a small group of people are allowing massive damage to happen to our special and unique island ecosystem.

Please, listen to the **content** of what the people who **support** this bill are saying, because the arguments against the bill are weak, unsupported scientifically, and not in the best interest of Maui and Hawaii.

Best,
Tessa Broholm